

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Atlantic Crossing

SIR Anthony Eden has left England for his all-important conference with President Eisenhower. For a meeting that is to cover so much ground and for talks that will be centred on Western political strategy to combat international communism, the Prime Minister's unhurried arrangements and his almost leisurely departure on an ocean liner were remarkably barren of dramatic effect or, indeed, any of the ingredients that present day politicians employ to stimulate public interest.

Since the meeting was arranged, however, both participants have had time to prepare submissions and formulate views, and according to all reports the preparation has been thorough and far-reaching. The meeting by its agreements will help forge a stronger alliance. This is important to the whole Western world. But if agreement is not possible on every subject, at least the tolerance and understanding implicit in the Anglo-American alliance promises that there will be no breach or discord to mar the proceedings.

HONGKONG is most interested in the British submissions on the China trade embargo which, newspaper reports say, the Prime Minister feels should be modified to the extent of the embargo on trade with Russia and Western Communist countries. Allied with this question is that of Sino-American relations and a United Nations seat for China. Britain and this Colony would like to see a solution to these problems soon. But in an election year and with the President uncertain of his political future, it is not likely that the Americans will allow any change at this stage.

Nor, as long as the President remains undecided, can there be any American commitments about the future other than very tentative and conditional ones. But it would be unwise of Britain, despite the fairness of its plan for wider trade and improved Sino-Western relations, to arouse unnecessary antagonism in America which could be exploited by extremists. The better policy would be to safeguard the alliance on which Western survival depends.

THE Middle East will be a major point of discussion, particularly the Israel-Egypt dispute and the attempts by the UN Secretary General to ease tension on the borders. The political situation in Jordan, its and America's attitude to the Baghdad pact and the Egypt-Saudi-Syria £100 million aid offer to Jordan are some others.

One may also cite the Czech arms deals with Egypt and Syria, Soviet "Trojan Horse" aid offers to the Middle East and Asia and Israel's request for American arms. Probably all these points were discussed recently by Mr Evelyn Shuckburgh and his American counterpart, Mr Herbert Hoover, but Anglo-American views apparently did not coincide on all.

THERE are other subjects like disarmament, Hydrogen bomb tests, German reunification and the recent Soviet goodwill tour of Asia to be reviewed. But the point of prime importance is, as we said at the outset, how the West is going to combat the new Soviet offensive of subversion and infiltration which Mr Anthony Nutting spoke of yesterday. This should be the first question dealt with, for undoubtedly it touches on almost every topic that will be discussed. The success of the talks will largely be judged on whether the British and American leaders agree on this point and formulate a daring new policy to combat it.

FRENCH GOVT CRISIS

Communists' Growing Influence

REBELS RAID AND LOOT VILLAGE

Salgon, Jan. 25.
About 3,800 villagers of Hodon, 60 miles north-west of Saigon, abandoned their homes two days ago following a raid by about 100 rebel troops on Sunday, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The rebels, who got away with about one million piastres (about £10,000 sterling) worth of loot, stayed two hours in the village and threatened to return at a later date.

Pro-government Cao Dai troops, twelve miles away, arrived too late to intercept the rebels who call themselves Cao Lien Binh. From the first syllables of the Cao Dai-Lien Minh-Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen rebel private armies.—Reuter.

ANGRY DEBATE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, Jan. 25.
The House staged an angry, partisan debate today over the administration's military policy and the "brink of war" statement by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

Democrats generally criticised Mr Dulles. They also defended General Matthew Ridgway, former Army Chief of Staff, for his criticism of administration reliance on atomic power. One suggested removing the Joint Chiefs of Staff from civilian control.

Republicans defended Mr Dulles, criticised General Ridgway and accused the Democrats of trying to undermine the bipartisan foreign policy.

Representative Alvin Bentley touched off the debate by asserting that Mr Dulles "had raised enough to recognise the brink when he saw it." He then asked whether the Democrats "had sense enough to recognise the brink in 1950" before Korea.

"From the record," he said, "it would appear they did not."

Representative Byron Rogers rose to ask Mr Bentley if he were familiar with Mr Dulles' statement in 1939 that there would be no war.

OVER THE BRINK
Representative Clarence Brown replied that Mr Dulles was speaking on the basis of information provided by the State Department. Representative Charles Halleck chimed in that World War II was "one time we got to the brink and got over the brink."

"In my opinion, all the Secretary did was to put potential enemies on notice: we are not going to be pushed around," said Mr Halleck.

Mr. House Democratic leader, Mr John McCarmack, joined the vocal Pay seven Rep. Hugh Scott explained that Congress was not kept informed in advance about the 1950 Korean crisis.

Mr McCarmack said Mr Scott was not "historically correct." He said leaders of both Parties discussed the crisis at a White House meeting.

The Ridgway debate flared when Rep. J. Arthur Younger accused the retired general of trying to "tear down civilian control of the military" by his recent charge that the administration put politics ahead of defence needs.

Mr Younger said General Ridgway "is entitled to differ with the Commander-in-Chief" if he thinks he knows more

WHAT BULGANIN WROTE

Washington, Jan. 25.
President Eisenhower received a "friendly letter" from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin on Wednesday. Informal sources said it included a new Russian appeal for a revival of the "Geneva spirit" of friendship.

These sources said the letter, delivered to Mr Eisenhower personally by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Georgi Zarubin, stressed the need for continued East-West talks to ease world tensions.

They said the message called particularly for renewed negotiations on such matters as German unification, European security, disarmament and increased East-West contacts—the issues that stalled the recent Big Four Foreign Ministers conference in Geneva.

Neither the White House nor the Russians would make the

REDS WIN TWO OFFICES

Paris, Jan. 25.
Fears among Conservatives that the future government of France would slip bit by bit under Communist control were increased today when the National Assembly appointed Communists to two out of the six vice-presidencies.

At the same time, the Assembly had its first clash with the Poujadists when it omitted to allow any Poujadists to be nominated to the nine leading administrative posts. These include the six vice-presidential posts.

France's 22nd post-war cabinet crisis will probably come to a first climax tomorrow when the President of the Republic is expected to ask the Socialist leader M. Guy Mollet to form a government. Today he was still busy consulting leaders of the parliamentary groups in accordance with custom.

M. Mollet was reportedly wearing his election partner M. Pierre Mendes-France, leader of the Radical Party, to take over the finance and economic ministries in order to launch the new deal policy he had so long advocated.

M. Mendes-France, it was reported, was not keen and preferred to take over the ministry of foreign affairs in order to deal with the situation in Algeria.

He considered that inside a predominantly Socialist government, his economic policies would be exposed to danger from over rapid salary concessions.

In case of the death of the President of the Assembly (or Speaker) the first vice-president takes his place until the Assembly has elected another Speaker.

The Communists' first vice-president elected today is

M. Roger Garaudy, a member of the Moscow Academy.

The officers of the Assembly, beside the Speaker, consist of six vice-presidents, three questors and 14 secretaries. The latter posts are supposed to be allocated in proportion to the strength of the parties in the Assembly, but the rule does not state whether it applies to the 23 officers as a whole or to the three categories of officers separately.

A PROTEST
For the first time a Poujadist, 27-year-old M. Jean Le Pen addressed the Assembly, saying that parliament had violated the spirit and the letter of the rule. "This Assembly," he said, "seems determined not to bow to the expressed will of the people."

He pointed out that the Poujadists with 52 members had more of the vice-presidents or questors posts but the near Radicals with 19 members and the Social Republicans with 11 members each had one.

His protest was overruled by a vote of 321 against 203. Communists, Socialists and Radicals joining in voting against the Poujadists, but some 100 centre-right deputies lined up with the Radicals.

THE PAY-OFF
Lobby reports said the election of two Communists as vice-presidents of the Assembly was part of the price paid by the Socialists for Communist support in getting their party man M. Andre Le Troquer elected to the Speaker's chair yesterday.

Whatever the final outcome of the attempt to form a Socialist-Radical Cabinet, centre-right politicians of all shades were today displaying gloom about yesterday's election of M. Le Troquer.

Centre and rightwing politicians and newspapers expressed the fear that before long a Socialist-Radical Cabinet would be formed, despite its numerous declarations to the contrary, to accept Communist support permanently, and that this could only be done at the price of letting the Communists share the exercise of power which has not happened since May 1947.

The Communist Party showed yesterday that it is determined to exploit every expedient to convert a moderate left Cabinet into a real popular front government.

PROPOSED LAWS
The party gave another example today by already tabling for discussion laws for: 1—Making peace in Algeria. 2—Getting rid of state aid for religious schools. (Contd. on back page, Col. 5).

MEASUREMENT PROPOSAL
Meanwhile efforts are continuing behind the scenes to follow up a move for bilingual states started by the dramatic proposal on Monday that West Bengal and Bihar should merge. India now has 23 states. The number proposed by the states reorganisation commission was 16.

The latest move is to cut down the number to eight or even five—northern, southern, eastern, western and central—so as to do away with provincial rivalries.—Reuter.

NEW SPEAKER

Dublin, Jan. 25.
Mr W. F. McCoy, a Unionist member of Parliament for South Tyrone, was today elected Speaker of the Northern Ireland House of Commons.

His successor, Sir Norman Stronge, who resigned after the Ministry of Finance had informed him that he and two other members of the House might be disqualified from sitting through holding an office of profit.—China Mail Special.

What Eisenhower & Eden Are Expected To Agree On

Washington, Jan. 25.
President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden are expected to indicate in the final communiqué on their meetings to be issued probably on Feb. 2, the following information:

1. The desire of Britain and the United States to reach an agreement with Soviet Russia on H-bomb tests;
2. A reassertion of Anglo-American support for Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer regarding the latter's German unification policies;
3. Britain and the United States still attach importance to the Baghdad Pact; and
4. Britain and the United States hope for an Egyptian-Israeli settlement along the lines of the former Trieste settlement between Italy and Yugoslavia.

A fifth point in the communiqué could deal with the Far East, along the lines that the time is not yet ripe for Communist China's admission to the United Nations, but this would probably depend on the United States agreeing to at least some British proposals for the relaxation of East-West trade.

Officials said it is hoped by tomorrow to know what are the times convenient for Mr Eisenhower to receive Sir Anthony. It is known the President will entertain the Prime Minister at lunch during the early part of next week.

However, it is not completely certain whether Sir Anthony Eden following his arrival on Monday morning, will go in the afternoon to the White House or the State Department for the opening talks on the Anglo-American review of world problems.—United Press.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY TO REORGANISE

London, Jan. 25.
The opposition Labour Party today announced a £50,000 a year plan for national reorganisation in an effort to rebuild its strength after defeat in last May's general election.

The plan now goes before the Labour Party's delegate conference in October for approval.

The National Executive, governing committee of the Party at a meeting agreed to recommend that affiliation fees paid by each of its 6,000,000 trade union members and 1,400,000 local labour party adherents should be increased from sixpence to ninepence a year.

It approved a scheme for the employment of 30 additional full-time party agents, the continued employment of similar agents by 70 constituencies where contests are usually very close, and the appointment of 10 organising assistants.

About £10,000 of the money will be allocated for particular tasks in selected areas.

PARTY WORKERS
The plan will involve the employment of canvassers, transfer of voluntary workers from "safe seats" areas to vulnerable constituencies, and the provision of propaganda material.

The proposal to increase affiliation fees may stimulate the demand of the strongly leftwing local labour parties—many of them champions of Mr Aneurin Bevan—for more voting power at the delegate conferences. The present arrangement is each trade union or local party rates one vote for every thousand members it represents.

It has long been the political wings' complaint that the conference decisions are "steam-rollered" by the great block votes of the trade unions.

The political wing claims that as the machine which fights elections, it should have greater voting power—particularly if it is to be asked to pay more money.

The proposed increase in affiliation fees will bring in an extra £75,000 yearly.

ACCENT ON YOUTH
The Labour movement has watched with some anxiety the big post-war growth of the young Conservatives' movement, and some time ago made it clear it was dissatisfied with the comparable Labour body, the League of Youth.

This is to be disbanded in its present form, and its members will become youth sections of their parent local Labour parties. These parties will be encouraged to take a greater interest in youth matters' and to appoint adult members as youth organisers.

A campaign will be launched in the autumn to recruit more young people into the Party. It will be preceded by a series of regional conferences on the question.—Reuter.

HARDING RETURNS
London, Jan. 25.
The Governor of Cyprus, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, left London tonight by plane for Nicosia where he will confer with Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Cypriot Greeks, "as soon as conveniently possible."

Sir John said that during his short stay in Britain, he and members of the government had covered all aspects of the problem of Cyprus and we are in full agreement about future policy and in regard to everything that I have to do.—France-Press.

TUNIS, Jan. 25.
French security forces killed nine rebels and took 10 prisoners in a clash yesterday in the Gafsa region of Tunisia, according to first reports here.

Two soldiers were wounded. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also seized.—France-Press.

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CANADA MAINTAINS ARMS

EMBARGO

Scrap Tank Guns 'Demolished'

Ottawa, Jan. 25.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, said today that the government's embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East was still in effect.

Yesterday's discussion of government policy under which arms are permitted to be shipped in limited quantities to "sensitive" areas in the world is not considered ended, he said.

Mr. St. Laurent and other Cabinet Ministers were questioned today in the Commons about Canadian arms exports to other parts of the world, particularly South America. They reserved replies to the questions until they checked government files.

Mr. Donald Fleming (PC, Toronto-Eglinton), who said yesterday that the government had been "fumbling and floundering" on the question, asked the External Affairs Minister, Mr. L. B. Pearson, whether shipments of spare parts for World War II type tanks to Egypt had included breechlocks.

All Details

He pointed out that Egypt had secured British tanks through Belgium but they did not have breechlocks.

Mr. Pearson said he was willing to disclose all details of Canada's shipments to the Middle East, but that one of the purchasing countries had asked to keep some particular points secret for its own security.

Mr. Pearson said Canada was trying to get that country which he did not name, to lift its security provisions in regard to the Canadian shipments.

Mr. Fleming asked the Prime Minister whether the government would agree to his suggestion yesterday, that a special committee be organized to scrutinize Canadian arms exports.

"No consideration has been given to that question," said Mr. Laurent.

Beyond Repair

Mr. Gordon Churchill (PC, Winnipeg-South Centre) asked whether breechlocks and gun barrels sold as scrap were "mutilated beyond repair."

The Trade Minister, Mr. C.D. Howe, said they were "mutilated" in other words, mutilated beyond repair.

Mr. Drew asked Mr. St. Laurent if the embargo on shipments to the Middle East was still in effect. Mr. St. Laurent replied: "Yes, I do not think it would be fair for me to consider the debate has ended on this matter."—United Press.

Khrushchev Likes Ike

Moscow, Jan. 25.

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, spoke "very warmly" of President Eisenhower today when he received Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, a New York lawyer, who was a director of UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency) in the Ukraine in 1946.

Mr. MacDuffie told reporters this after meeting Mr. Khrushchev at Communist Party Headquarters in Moscow, a building close to the Kremlin.

Mr. MacDuffie said Mr. Khrushchev referred to mutual trust during the war and said the Soviet leaders knew Mr. Eisenhower always kept his word. Several times during their talks, the Communist Party leader "spoke very warmly" of the President, Mr. MacDuffie added.—China Mail Special.

POP

THE COMMENCING WAGE ISN'T MUCH. WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE?

UN President In London



Dr. Jose P. Masia, President of the United Nations General Assembly, leaves the Dorchester Hotel, London, last Thursday on his way to visit the House of Commons. With Dr. Masia is his wife. They had arrived in the British capital the previous day.—Express Photo.

US Foreign Policy In Elections

Washington, Jan. 25.

Democrats said in effect today they will gladly be bipartisan on foreign policy if the Republicans will go along too.

But they warned in replies to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' appeal for no politics in foreign policy that discussion and some "constructive criticism" are inevitable in an election year. And some said they felt Mr. Dulles was trying to put the entire burden on the Democrats.

The Secretary of State told a news conference yesterday that political wrangling over foreign policy will increase the risk of war if it raises doubts abroad about America's intentions to live up to its international commitments.

Out Of Debate

Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he is "strongly for bipartisanship on all basic questions."

As for Mr. Dulles expressed fears he said "I'm satisfied that this country will live up to its commitments" and that "all nations know that this country will."

Sen. George said he had not discussed with Mr. Dulles a reported proposal that certain specified foreign policy issues be kept out of political debate this year.

Sen. James P. Richards (Dem.) also would not discuss such a possibility. As for Mr. Dulles' appeal, however, he said, "So

far as a complete lack of criticism of the party in power by the party outside is concerned you will find that only in the kingdom of Utopia. We certainly didn't find it when in power and the Republicans controlled Congress."—United Press.

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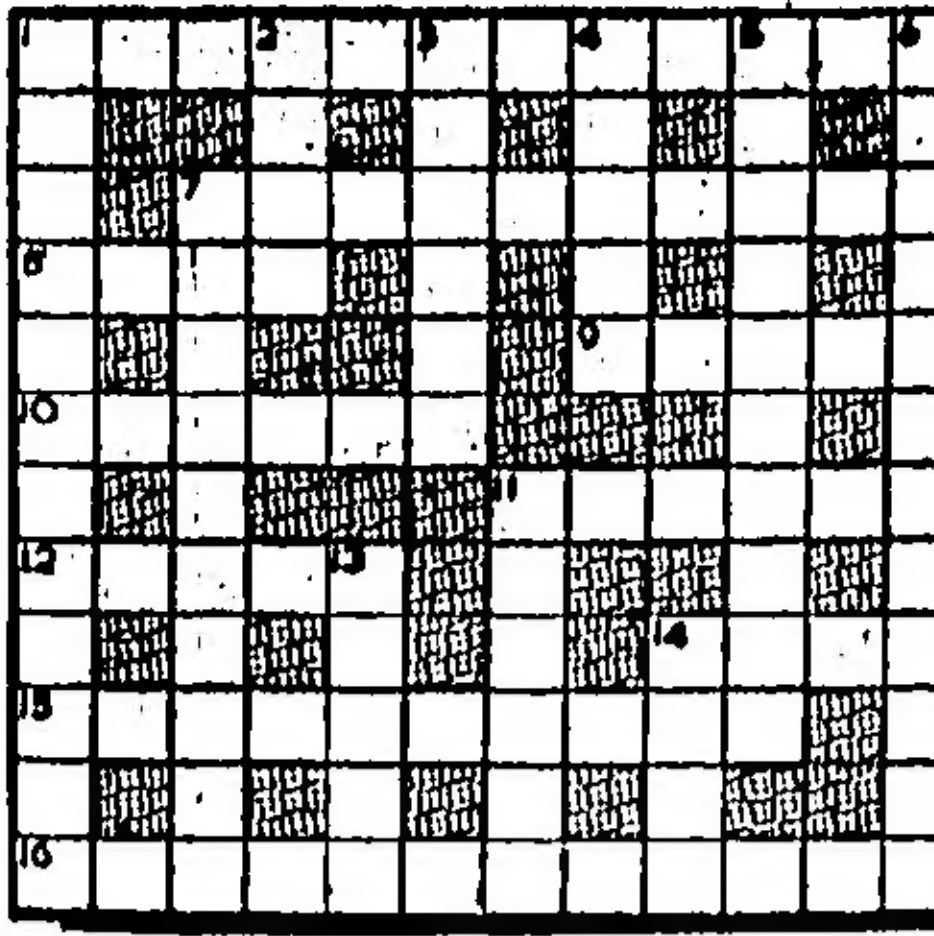
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7. This kind of gadget may shock you (10)
8. In which the heart is (10)

12. Camel burdens (6)
14. One-cross annoy-ance (4)
15. Never wearied (6)
16. Exit action. Oo! (6)
17. No! roused char. (6)
18. Things go under the key here (6)
19. It is just a mis- (6)
20. Apologetic (10)
21. Buntan (12)
22. Some real mix-up (6)
23. Dark lady figures in many a one by (6)
24. A twig of the family tree (6)
25. Greatly mischievous (6)

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NOW that rates have risen again some councils are reported to be offering as much as \$5. 4d. for 2,000 houses from which they have evicted people.

Several go-ahead councils are said to be considering a scheme by which property seized will be put on the market. If a house for which, say, \$5. was offered as compensation to the evicted, can be sold in the market for a few thousand pounds, the profit realised will contribute to the expenses incurred by bailiffs, with something left over for school swimming-pools.

Marginal note
THE Astronomer Royal's refreshing words about all the gibberish of space-travel drew one rebuke which was, unconsciously, full of hearty fun; a grave statement that we must think about colonising the planets. Scientists are becoming so babbly about this that I agree with a suggestion that they should go about in space-clothes, like the people in boys' papers.

Automagiculture
AT a recent Farmers' Conference it was said that "automation" will enable farmers to operate machines from a control room, and watch the results on radar screens. I go further than that. I say that, with an electronic brain to operate the machines and watch the results on the screen, the farmer need not go near his farm. In fact, there will be no need for farmers, as the machines will deliver the food, as soon as it is grown, to the canning factories. The ideal to be aimed at is the huge Automagicultural Centre, from which all agricultural land will be operated by mechanical technicians. The farmers would then be encouraged to colonise the more backward of the planets.

Bringing the egg to heel
IN order to save man-hours in the home, Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has invented an electric egg-cracker. The cracker is a small in-shaped piston of reinforced aluminium, which can be plugged in like an electric fire. Thus, when it comes in contact with the cranium of the boiled egg it is warm enough not to lower the temperature of the egg. An easily manipulated lever raises the piston a few inches above the top of the egg, and a

button releases it to administer a firm blow powerful enough to crack the shell without splintering it. Delf hands then separate the putnamatory covering from the egg proper. The time saved can be used to colonise the planets.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Triple Trump Coup Explained

By OSWALD JACOBY

YOU sometimes read in the text books of a grand slam that can be made only by what is known as a triple trump coup. If you come to the conclusion that such hands never actually came up in play, you wouldn't be far wrong. Just such a hand did, however, turn up in the match between Norway and Italy last year in the European Championships.

Both teams actually stopped short at six hearts, but both trembled on the verge of bidding the grand slam. If the grand slam had been bid, as shown in the bidding diagram, any ranking expert would make the grand slam by means of the triple coup.

Dummy wins the first trick with the ace of spades, and the ace of hearts is taken. Declarer gets to his hand by

NORTH (D) 29			
♠ A 7			
♥ A			
♦ A K 8 4			
♣ A K 10 7 5 3			
WEST			
♠ K 10 8 5 3			
♥ 7			
♦ 10 9 2			
♣ J 6 2			
EAST			
♠ Q J 4 2			
♥ J 9 8 2			
♦ J 7			
♣ Q 8 4			
SOUTH			
♠ 6			
♥ K Q 10 8 5 4 3			
♦ Q 6 5 3			
♣ 9			
Both sides vul			
North	East	South	West
2 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 8			

ruffing a spade in order to draw another round of trumps with the king.

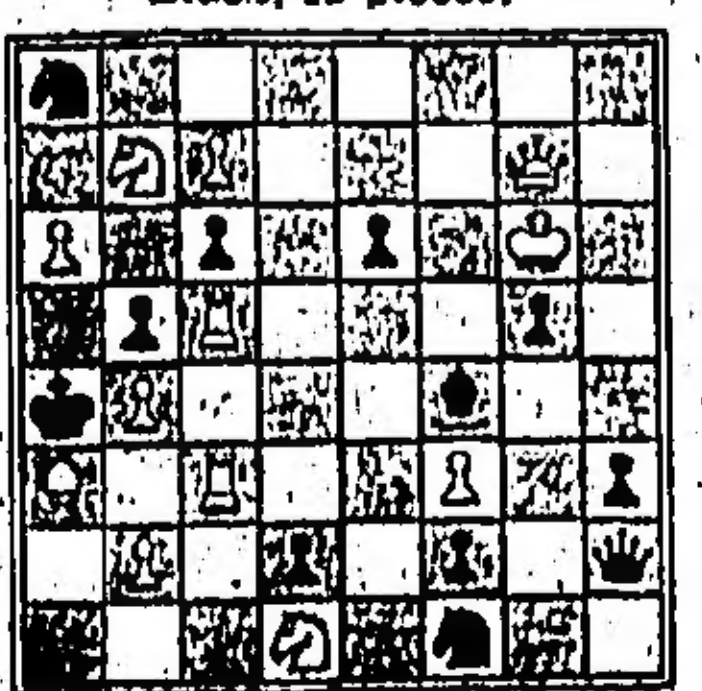
Since West discarded a spade on the second trump, the situation is all too clear. South must now find some way of preventing the loss of a trump trick to East's Jack.

South must plan to ruff twice more in his own hand, after which the lead must be placed in the dummy. Eventually East's trumps will be picked up even though dummy cannot lead a trump through him.

After drawing the second round of trumps with the king, South continues with a club to the dummy and a club ruff. He gets back to dummy with a top diamond to ruff another club, and then dummy is ordered with the second top diamond. Now dummy continues to lead high clubs throughout East, until he trumps. Whenever East trumps the party is over since South can overruff and take the rest of the tricks.

CHess PROBLEM

By W. A. WHYATT
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. BxKtP; any; 2. Q, R, B, or Kt mates.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 7 5 3 2 ♠ Q 10 8 ♠ K 9 8
What do you do?
A—Bid one spade. Although you have a minimum opening bid, it costs nothing to show your biddable major suit.
TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 7 5 3 2 ♠ Q 10 8 ♠ K 9 8
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World



"To sum it up, I'm dumb but sociable"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

BORN today, you possess the kind of intuitive and psychic powers which sometimes border on the prophetic. If you will follow these inner warnings, you will rarely, if ever, make a mistake. Disregard them—and your life can become just one error after another.

Positive and energetic, you should set your vision on some goal and follow through to reach your ambition. You have literary ability and a gift for leadership in both actions and ideas which should be fully utilized. Original and constructive in your suggestions, you will find that things you originate may have become conservative routine. Such is the lot of the innovator!

There is an opportunity for your life to be lived on the grand design, but if you neglect your talents, you will find that the touch of genius dies and will not bring to you the heights of accomplishment that you deserve. For you, perhaps, more than many others, you can become the master of your own fate—learning to heed those inner voices of inspiration that come to you throughout life.

Among those born on this date are: Mary Mages Dodge, author and editor; Hugo Rosenfeld, musician; Roy Chapman Andrews, explorer; Samuel Hopkins Adams, author; Thomas Slocum, merchant; Paul McVey, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—There may be an important ceremony to which you have been invited. By all means, accept it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—This is a really favourable day for insurance. Someone may "pop" the question. Be prepared.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You might permit yourself the luxury of going on a shopping spree. Get something you really want.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are housewarming and have not yet found your ideal, this may be the day that you will!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Matters having to do with education—perhaps of children—are in the foreground.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This is a good day to start the foundation for something of lasting importance in your life.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have promised a child a new pet, this could be the day to find the right choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be very careful in joining hands in partnership with anyone unless it is a trusted friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Details in connection with some important business deal should work out definitely in your favour.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If you have to see the dentist, don't put it off any longer. Go now or make your appointment today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—You will find that the arts are highly favoured just now. A new idea may prove to be your gold mine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Get plenty of rest this evening, especially if you have had a very busy day. Don't overdo.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Cat's Whiskers

—Why She Finds Them So Handy to Have—

By MAX TRELL

"HELLO, Mr. Punch," said Knarf the shadow boy.

Mr. Punch, who was standing in front of the mirror, with his face covered with soap suds (for he was shaving) didn't turn around or anything.

He simply said: "Good morning, my boy, come right in."

"You're welcome to watch me shave myself," Mr. Punch went on the next moment as Knarf came over and stood by his side.

"Why do you shave yourself?" Knarf asked.

"A pretty question," said Mr. Punch. "If I didn't shave myself, I'd have long whiskers."

Long Whiskers

"Oh," said Knarf. Then he said: "Don't you want long whiskers?"

"I don't want any kind of whiskers," said Mr. Punch, "long ones or short ones."

"I wish I had whiskers," said Knarf.

Just then the cat walked in. "Good morning, Mr. Punch," said the Cat. "Good morning, Knarf."

Knarf and Mr. Punch both returned the Cat's greeting.

"If you'll pardon me," said Mr. Punch, "I'll go right on with my shaving."

"That's something I always wanted to ask you about," said the Cat. "Why are you always shaving?"

"Always?" said Mr. Punch. "No, not always, just every morning."

"What I want to know," said the Cat, "is why you shave at all?"

Knarf Explains

"I was just explaining to Knarf," said Mr. Punch.

"If Mr. Punch didn't shave, he'd have long whiskers," Knarf explained to the Cat. "He doesn't like whiskers, long ones or short ones."

"Whiskers?" said the Cat.

"Yes, whiskers," said Mr. Punch.

"What's wrong with whiskers?" said the Cat. "I don't mind them. I've had whiskers ever since I was a kitten."

And the Cat sat up on her hind legs and smoothed out her whiskers with one of her paws.

They Stick Out

"There, you see," said Knarf to Mr. Punch, after the Cat had walked out of the room. "She doesn't mind having whiskers."

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "I'll tell you how it is. She doesn't mind having whiskers because her whiskers keep her from bumping into things when she wanders around in the dark cellar at night, hunting for mice."

"Her whiskers stick out at the side of her face. As soon as they brush against something, she stops instantly. They warn her, she's about to bump! They also tell her whether a mouse hole is too narrow for her to squeeze through."

"Oh, I didn't know all that," said Knarf.

"And Knarf stood right by him, watching him do it."

"If I didn't shave, I'd have whiskers," Punch told Knarf.

"It's a fact," said Mr. Punch. "And that's why a cat has whiskers. They're handy. They're handy for mice, too, and for rabbits, and for lots of other animals that go wandering around when it's too dark to see where they're going."

"But I don't do any wandering around. When it's late at night, I'm fast asleep. I don't need whiskers to warn me I'm going to bump into something when I'm not going anywhere at all."

So Mr. Punch went right on shaving all his whiskers off.

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WOMANSENSE

The New London Lines Provide Something For Everyone

By DOROTHY BARKLEY



A miniature boater in black and white silk straw. By Edward Harvane.

According to a woman mayor, secretaries must have A Pleasant Voice And Dress Sense

COMMERCIAL colleges and schools should teach girls how to dress and how to speak, as well as how to use a typewriter, says the first woman Mayor of Holborn, Councillor Mrs. Edith A. Pooley. Mrs. Pooley is just over halfway through her term of office in one of London's most commercial boroughs.

"I have observed during my term of office many prominent men secretaries, and in my young days I was trained to be secretary at a commercial college," said Mrs. Pooley.

"Girls who hope to become private secretaries should be taught that there is nothing so delightful, either on the telephone or when a caller comes into the room, as to hear an attractive voice. I also think a girl should be taught to dress attractively too."

OTHERS ON THE LIST

Other "musts" for secretaries according to Mrs. Pooley:

A sense of humour "without giggles or sniggers."

Efficiency without being punctilious; courtesy without servility.

To ensure that appointments are kept.

Mrs. Pooley's husband is the head of a business firm in Holborn. She lives in Green Lane, Northwood.

She has her own private secretary—a man.

(London Express Service).



The new London hats are small, and neat and worn tilted over the forehead. This one from Edward Harvane is an evening hat of velvet roses, trimmed with a train of pale green satin organza.

I'M bewildered. I went in search of the new spring silhouette last week when London designers were holding open house—and found not one silhouette, but three.

For each of three designers who showed during the first day of fashion week presented a completely different line for the fashion-conscious woman this spring.

Norman Hartnell enveloped her in a cloud of blue. Worth gave her a feminine romantic line, reviving full skirts over petticoats after a year of severe styles. John Cavanagh gave her the Slinky Line, which made her severe, curvaceous, with not even a waist to call her own.

Bewildering—but at least it means that there may be something for everyone.

COLLECTION IN BLUE

For those who wear blue, Hartnell produced a turquoise collection. Day dresses, evening dresses, hats, gloves, jewelry, all were turquoise. Even the places which decorated the salon for the occasion were dyed to match. Only a small collection was shown for, as he explained, the workrooms were busy preparing the Queen's wardrobe for her Nigerian tour.

But small though the collection was, Hartnell in a blue mood was effective. A fitted coat with full skirt was in white cotton with blue embroidery, the hat to go with it was in white pique stranded with necklace beads of china blue.

An afternoon silk was pale turquoise printed with rose pink clusters. An evening stole was in turquoise satin reversing to supple.

Throughout the collection, the waist was where nature meant it to be. Fitted tailor-mades and full afternoon dresses both accentuated it. Afternoon dresses, for instance, had draperies falling from the waist in manner fullness at the sides.

Coats were enormous, tent-shaped affairs, and were worn over slim dresses. One was in black and white striped cotton, another in black pleated taffeta with balloon sleeves.

For those who like feminine clothes, Worth produced a wearable collection. To design an X, Y, or Z line would be nonsense, said this house, and they made no attempt to launch a line that might be "amusing for a week but unsaleable for the season."

They brought back bells on some models, favoured a more clearly defined waist, fuller skirts, and sleeves on all evening dresses.

Colours ranged from deep cream, through fawn, and beige, to gold and pale orange. Away from the pale colours, highlights were a hot bright pink and a deep cherry red.

A SEVERE LINE

An evening outfit which illustrated the pale colours and the feminine line was in lemon yellow silk. The dress was princess line, full skirted and worn over petticoats; its matching bolero was embroidered to give it a festive air.

For those who are tall, slim and willowy, there was Cavanagh's Slinky Line. An even more severe version of last season's slinky line, it is slender, almost shapeless. Bust and waist are lost beneath its straight lines.

For those who cannot quite measure up to its demands, there were sheath dresses worn beneath comfortable, loose-fitting jackets. While fabrics were mainly silk—either satin, organdie, or prints—there was one new one. This was a wide-printed cotton velvet, which is crease and stain resistant. Also on show were high-fronted court shoes designed by Chvanagh and made in a treated, spot-proof suede.

ACCESSORIES

Accessory details jolted down at all three collections: an outside bunch of lilac on an outside velvet muff... long gloves in the same material as a blue velvet hat... evening stoles galore, revived as a top favourite in two-toned satin... a cap of red petals mounted with a "cage" veil drawn in under the chin... half-way boleros, with long sleeves, for evenings.

There are different details this year, and there is emphasis on different colours. But there is no controversial new line.

The only conclusion is that London fashion has once more neatly provided a style to suit every customer and neatly avoided foisting an unwearable line on an unwilling public.

Whiteaways MAMMOTH



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SOME SIDELIGHTS TO HONGKONG'S FIRST WORLD RECORD

By "RECORDER"

The man who achieved the first ever world record broken in Hongkong was, of course, Robert Henry Pape of HMS Tamar, one of the world's greatest athletes not only by achievement but also by personality, but the story of his world record 30-mile run at Caroline Hill yesterday has already been recounted by the contemporary local morning press and by a great deal of the world press.

Contrary to some idealistic reports in the contemporary press, Bob Pape's movement of a handkerchief from one hand to the other was largely a signal to his wife, Diana, to speak up or keep quiet, because a man running round a near-440-yard track to schedule does not want to be talked to after every lap but does, occasionally, want some information on his progress.

The HKAAA is very proud of Bob Pape's achievement yesterday and as a special sign of recognition will this coming Sunday at the HKAAA Novices' Championships put him in charge of women's field events.

Pakistan And MCC 'A' Still Level After Drawn Match

Lahore, Jan. 25. Pakistan and MCC "A" move on to East Pakistan for the second unofficial Test at Dacca, starting on February 3, are still level after the drawn match here.

There was never a hint that MCC were in danger of defeat today when they took full opportunity to bolster their uncertain batting prestige when remembering their first innings day.

Yet Pakistan might have made the opposition struggle much harder if they had not been offered by Richardson off the bowling of Fayaz Mohammad.

Nearly all the Pakistan team bowled in the closing stages when Tompkin, Harrington (who had a third wicket stand of 101) and Carr helped themselves to some cheap runs and Ali Muddin to some cheap wickets.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING
Saturday, 28th January, Wednesday 1st & Saturday, 4th February, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$80 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Agulair Street during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th January will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$20.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Agulair Street and 382, Nathan Road.

TOTALISATOR

Backets are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

RILEY DOWN BUT NOT OUT



A solid right put Army's Tpr Riley out of the ring momentarily but the Army boxer, came back full of fight left in him to worry Royal Navy's Abdul Wahid won on points in this Light-welterweight semi-finals bout in the Colony Boxing Championships at Southern Playground last night.—China Mail Photo.

COLONY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

STRANGE DECISIONS AND SENSATIONAL HAPPENINGS IN SEMI-FINAL CONTESTS

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

Amid thrills and incidents, hard punching and traditional pluck the semi-final rounds of the Colony Boxing Championships were fought off at the Southern Playground last night.

Once again there was a surprisingly good crowd — including coach Ramsey Bucks and 30 Schoolboy boxers who were admitted free — and they were well rewarded for their attendance particularly as far as the efforts of the boxers were concerned. Many of the spectators, however, must have been as puzzled as I was by some of the decisions.

If the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association is to make any real progress something must be done about the judging of contests. The verdict in the Jones-Hill bout for example was virtually a mockery and an insult to the intelligence of the paying public around the ring. Jones was in control from the start. His punching was faster and more accurate than Hill's. He carried the fight to his opponent from start to finish, and how any trio of qualified judges made Hill the winner — other than by a clear case of mistaken identity — it is almost impossible to guess.

The same thing happened again, but to a lesser degree, in the Legerton-Grant contest when Legerton, who had an off night and never looked like mastering his opponent, was declared the winner.

Legerton pinned his hopes on his long and powerful left hand but Grant was seldom caught by it and quickly showed that the REME lad, is a very ordinary fighter when the fight is carried close to him.

Grant had a fine last round. He had Legerton in real trouble just before the end and it seemed to many of us at the ringside that the smiling Bombardier had done enough in his spirited bouts of in-fighting to merit the award — close as it must have been.

BIGGEST SENSATION

The biggest sensation of the night was suitably reserved for the last contest. This brought together an old favourite LAC Robinson of the Royal Air Force and Sgt Mahoney of the Army. "Tar Baby" Robinson is a very popular boxer and in the minute or so the bout lasted he looked a near certainty for the final. After some preliminary exchanges the fight moved into Robinson's corner. There was a preliminary flurry of blows and suddenly Mahoney was stretched on the canvas. The referee started to count... moved Robinson to a neutral corner... progressed the count as far as either "8" or "9" and then stopped.

He went to the opposite corner of the ring and the MC — apparently without instruction from the referee — announced that Robinson had won on a knock-out.

The referee immediately intervened and was seen to speak first to the judges at the ringside, and to the MC, who then announced that Robinson had been disqualified for "upping his opponent with his arms and hitting him when he was down."

Arguments and discussions took place all around the arena and from what could be ascertained, it seemed that the referee who was quite satisfied in his own mind as to what took place, had received confirmation of it from one of the judges. It was bad luck on Robinson, who apparently lost control in a moment of excitement.

Jock Dinning, resplendent in a bright tartan dressing gown, made short work of a game opponent when he knocked out AB Burn, RN in the first round. This quick victory balanced the Army-Navy account on knock-out for a little earlier in the Light-welterweight Division AB Smith and LAC Duval (RAF) beat LAC Phillips (RN) on points.

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THE RESULTS
The full results were as follows: —
Bantamweight
AB Edwards (RN) beat Tpr Smyth (A) by TKO in Round Two.
L/S Childs (RN) beat Cpl Holland (A) on points.
Featherweights
AB Dunford (RN) beat Cpl Flynn (A) on points.

L/Bdr Melver (A) beat LAC Hughes (RAF) on points.

Lightweights
Gnr Hills (A) beat L/Cpl Jones (A) on points.
L/Cpl Meigh (A) received a walk-over from AB Isaac (RN) on points.

Light Welterweight
AB Abdul Wahid (RN) beat Tpr Riley (A) on points.
Cpl Legerton (A) beat Bdr Grant (A) on points.

Welterweight
AB Smith (RN) KO'd Tpr Williams (A) in Round One.
Pte Tomlinson (A) beat Cpl Turner (A) on points.

Light Middleweight
LAC Duval (RAF) beat LAC Phillips (RN) on points.
AB Phillips (RN) beat L/Cpl Brown (A) on points.

Middleweight
L/Bdr Dickinson (A) beat LAC Sheik Haron (RAF) on points.
Cpl Dinning (A) KO'd AB Burn (RN) in Round One.

Heavyweight
Sgt Mahoney (A) beat LAC Robinson (RAF) on a disqualification in Round One.
The finals will be staged at the Southern Playground on Friday when boxing will start at 8.30 p.m.
Footnote: The missing gloves have not yet been returned.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletic
La Salle College Annual Athletic Meet at Boundary Street, 3 p.m.
Shoot
HK Bidey Services Section at Kai Tak ranges.
Table Tennis
Entries close for non-Chinese Competitions.

TOMORROW

Boxing
Boxing Finals at Southern Playground, 8.30 p.m.
Shoot
HK Bidey Shoot Inter-Services, Navy, RAF, RUKDF.
Athletic
HKAAA Novices' Athletic Championship at SCAP Stadium, Caroline Hill.
Squash
Colony Squash Championship final, at Victoria Court, 8.30 p.m.

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

American Bobsledders Fail Again To Match Italians' Speed

Cortina, Jan. 25.

American bobsledders again failed to match the speed of the Italians today in the last practice runs before the opening of the Olympic two-man races on Friday.

Eugenio Monti, the 22-year-old Cortina brush salesman, who holds the course record of one minute, 21.98 seconds, topped the practice heats with a time of 1:22.45. Monti posted the best time in the official two-man tryouts which ended yesterday.

Lamberto Dalla Costa (Italy) was second today with a 1:22.82 effort. Bud Washbond, American's top hope in the two-man competition, was third with 1:23.60.

Franz Kapus of Switzerland was fourth with 1:24.01, and Max Anger, also of Switzerland, was next with 1:24.30.

The Italian indicated they hope to dominate the four-man bobsledding also. In today's first run, Dino Demartin of Italy and his three teammates slipped down the run of one mile, 109 yards in one minute, 19.77 seconds for the fastest clocking. It was a new Italian record.

A Swedish bob, driven by Gunnar Ahl, overturned at the first of the 16 curves. It skidded along upside down before grinding to a halt, but the four riders were unhurt.

Only two Olympic athletes remained in the Codivilla Hospital for treatment today, but their condition was described as good. They are Belgium's Desorgher and Rumania's Secul.

MINOR INJURIES

The hospital's medical bulletin pointed out that today's casualties were the slightest so far. Seven athletes reported for minor injuries such as bruises and cuts.

The bulletin also announced that German girl skier Evi Lenz, who entered the hospital on curly 21 with a broken wrist, was dismissed today. She is still wearing a plaster cast, however.

Aside from those who have suffered only minor cuts or bruises, 28 others have been sidelined during the past week in pre-Olympic warm-ups.

The best performance in today's ski-jump training were as follows:
1. Andrej Daniel-Gascienca (Poland) 76.6 metres.
2. Eino Kirjonen (Finland) 70 metres.

3. Sverre Stenerson (Norway) 76 metres.
4. Aulis Kallakorpi (Finland) 75.8 metres.
5. Yuri Sivovoy (USSR) 75.5 metres.

6. Koba Taskadze (USSR) 75 metres.
7. Nikolai Shamov (USSR) 74.5 metres.
8. Mojmir Stuchlik (Czech) 74.5 metres.

9. Asbjorn Omes (Norway) 74 metres.
10. Roman Siczka-Gascienca (Poland) 73.5 metres.
11. Sverre Stalvik (Norway) 73 metres.

12. Jacques Charland (Canada) 72.5 metres.
13. Stanislaw Marusarz (Poland) 72.5 metres.
14. Tito Tolin (Italy) 72 metres.

15. Hiroshi Yoshizawa (Japan) 71.5 metres.
The first two days programme for the Seventh Winter Olympic Games, starting tomorrow, was announced tonight.

On Thursday, the opening ceremony will be at the ice stadium at 11.30 (local). In the evening, there will be ice hockey at 1900 between Austria and Italy at 2130 between Canada and Germany.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAMME
Friday's programme will be as follows: (all times local).
0800: Two-man bobsled (1st and 2nd heats).

12. Rumania I (Ench and M. Blagescu).
13. Germany I (H. Roesch and L. Nibbel).
14. Spain (A. De Portugal and V. Sartorius).

15. Italy II (E. Monti and R. Alvera).
16. Germany II (A. Ostler and H. Ronenester).
17. Britain II (S. Parkinson and C. Williams).

18. Sweden II (S. Erbs and W. Aronsson).
19. Italy I (L. Dalla Costa and G. Conti).
20. Britain I (K. Schellenberg and G. Rainforth).

21. Norway II (A. Roegden and P. Solli).
22. Poland I (A. Konieczny and Z. Skowronski).
23. Liechtenstein (M. Heidegger and G. Wollinger).

24. Rumania II (C. Dragomir and G. Moldobanu).
25. France II (S. Glacchini and A. Doumet).—France Press.

FIVE WINS EACH
England and Scotland drew, with five wins each in an amateur international boxing contest at the Albert Hall here tonight.

England led 5-2 with three bouts to go but Scotland fought back to take the next three fights and draw the contest. — China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS

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WINTER GAMES

Japan Has Three Good Chances In Skiing Events Says Coach

Corina D'Ampezzo, Jan. 25. Prince Tsunoyoshi Yakeda, leader of the 23-man Japanese Olympic team, told reporters tonight that his team were "keen and determined to make a good show" in the Seventh Winter Olympic Games opening here tomorrow.

The Italian President, Signor Giovanni Gronchi, will declare the games open in a newly-built 700,000 sterling ice stadium before a capacity crowd of nearly 12,000 people.

Japan has a team of 10 competitors and 13 officials at the Games, and one of their coaches said tonight that they had three good chances in the skiing events.

Their hopes in these events rested in Chiharu "Chuck" Goya, the Salomon race long distance runner Anasuka Goni, who finished sixth in the 50-kilometer event in Oslo, and ski jumper Hiroshi Yoshizawa, who had done 86 metres and should be a threat to the crack jumpers from Finland, Russia and the north.

Italian skiing experts have been tremendously impressed by Goya, who is a student at Dalmeith College in the United States. They said that if the Games are tightly packed, this remarkable little Japanese might well win the Gold medal.

PROSPECTS

Japanese prospects in the speedskating events are also fairly good, according to Kuro Kuti, former Japanese skating champion.

"Both Takemura and Takahashi have done extremely well during training here," he said. "The Japanese team will file into the stadium 14th of the competing nations which march past the President in alphabetical order apart from Greece, which is first and Italy, the host nation, which is last."

Wearing blue and grey, the smart Japanese team will have their flag carried before them by ski jumper Hiroshi Yoshizawa. The magnificent four tier arena which took three years to build — helped considerably by money from the Italian football pools — will be filled by the 1,200 competitors from 32 competing nations who have come to this attractive Winter sports resort.

After the playing of the Olympic hymn, the raising of the five-ringed Olympic flag which has been in the safe keeping of the Mayor of Oslo since 1952, and the firing of the three-gun salute, Guido Carli, Italy's speed skating champion, will come gliding into the beflagged stadium bearing aloft the Olympic torch as he skins over the gleaming ice.

Having circled the track, he will light the Olympic flame, which will burn in the bowl before the stadium until the closing 10 days later.

Later another famous Italian sporting personality, Giuliano Minuzzi, Bronze medalist in the women's downhill ski event in Oslo four years ago, will take the oath on behalf of all competitors.

At the close of this ceremony, the teams will file from the stadium, which will be closed until the evening when Italy, the host nation, will set the Olympic Games in motion with their first ice hockey game against Austria.

Canada, the Olympic Champions, will play a match with Germany.

Thereafter, daily bids will be made for Olympic honours at skating, ski jumping, speed skating, figure skating, bobsleigh and ice hockey. — China Mail Special.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Full List Of Entries For Novices Meeting At Caroline Hill On Sunday

Entries for this year's HKAAA Novices Championships, to be held at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill this coming Sunday, have reached the all-time record figure of 185.

With the majority of the intending competitors entered for more than one event, some of these in as many as four, there is considerable congestion, particularly in the field events. There are 20 entries in the Long Jump and the Javelin Throw, 17 in the Shot Put and even nine in the never too popular Hammer Throw.

This has necessitated quite a few changes from the original time table of events. The principal changes involve qualifying rounds for the High Jump, Long Jump, and Javelin Throw in the morning. The afternoon programme starts with qualifying rounds in the Discus Throw and the Pole Vault final is no longer in the morning but becomes one of the last events of the afternoon.

The time table for the track events has not been changed much except that the 5,000 Metres final now takes place at 4.30 p.m. and the 800 Metres final has been moved toward the end of the programme at 5 p.m. There are other minor time table alterations that competitors are asked to note in the appended programme.

NEW QUALIFICATIONS

The new Novices' qualification rules have been taken advantage of, as was hoped these would be by the HKAAA, by some of the Colony's leading athletes who have moved up or down in the distance scale or have entered field events other than their particular specialties.

Thus Keith Burch has moved up to 5,000 Metres, Peter Alderton down to 1,500 Metres, Stephen Xavier up to the 400, Lee Shu-chung down to the 400, Peter Boorman, who started out as a 5,000 Metres runner, very much down the distance scale to the 400 and 800 Metres, and Peter Randles and Keith Martin, better known as Milers, are in the 400 Metres Hurdles.

The quality of the fields in most of the running events, except the sprints is not much below that of the Colony Championships and it is not impossible, though improbable, that a Colony record may be broken. One does not know how well Randles or Martin can hurdle, but they certainly have the speed on the flat to be regarded as threats to the Colony 400 Metres Hurdles record.

Similarly, Burch has the speed and the stamina to beat Bob Papp's Colony 5,000 Metres record. It is the first time he is running this distance and he is currently fighting fit.

Randles and Boorman are unlikely to beat two minutes for 800 Metres, but they will certainly come very close to the Colony record.

The 400 Metres field, which includes Peter Boorman, Stephen Xavier, Keith Martin, Lee Shu-chung, Frank Waller and Samuel Lo, will certainly not approach Lee's Swemey's record of 51.4 seconds, but the first three to finish will probably be faster than most Colony Champions of the past except Ng Yuen-fok and Li Sweney.

PROGRAMME

11 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—First Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Fu Yung-hung (DBS), Sgt. Wright (Essex), J. M. F. Collins (RAMC), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.05 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Second Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Charles Ho (DBS), Sgt. Cripps (Essex), J. M. F. Collins (RAMC), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.10 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Third Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—D. F. Merrell (RNAC), Pte. Robinson (Essex), R. G. Gatti (N. Staffs), W. Boorman (HKUAC), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.15 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Fourth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.20 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Fifth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.25 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Sixth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.30 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Seventh Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.35 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Eighth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.40 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Ninth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.45 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Tenth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.50 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Eleventh Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

11.55 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Twelfth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), Bdm. Walden (N. Staffs), Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

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Singapore papers please copy.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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carried by passengers themselves,
ALL BAGGAGE must pass through
the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading
on board by ship's slings only.

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8.30 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 30th
January, 1956.

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COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

To Be Fully Reopened
To General
Public This Year

Cologne, Jan. 25.
Cologne cathedral, the biggest and one
of the best-known of Germany's Gothic
monuments will be fully re-opened to the
public during this year.

This 13th century Cathedral was badly
damaged by Allied bombs and gunfire
during World War II. Only part of it is at
present in use for services.

For the population of Cologne the
re-opening will be one of the most im-
portant milestones in the efforts to rebuild the city
since the war. Most of them regard
the Cathedral, situated near the bank of the Rhine and
towering over the "Altstadt" (old city), as the heart and soul
of the town. They have privately
contributed much to the re-
building of the Cathedral. The cost of
the work is estimated at 1,000,000,000 marks.
But at least as much again will have to be spent before all
the damage is repaired, perhaps in
15 or 20 years. The re-
opening of the entire interior of
this great church, visible on
clear days 20 miles away, has
been fixed for August to co-
incide with the "Kölnerfest", an
annual gathering of German
Catholics, which is to be held
in Cologne this year.

Bitter Fighting

Cologne, the gay and vicious
"capital" of the Rhineland, was
one of the worst hit of big
German cities during the war.
In 1945, when American
troops captured it after months
of bitter fighting, it was a
deserted rubble-heap without
gas, water or electricity.

The population of 770,000 had
decreased to 40,000 and only
13,000 of 252,000 homes were
still standing, and most of these
were damaged.

Today, the population is back
to 680,000 and Cologne is the
fourth biggest city in the West
German Federal Republic, one
of the most important traffic
hubs of the country and a
thriving industrial centre.

More than 100,000 homes have
been rebuilt and thousands of
offices, many of them housing
important banks, insurance com-
panies and wholesale trade
firms, have been constructed in
the business area.

Among the flourishing Cologne
industries are the Ford Motor
Company, the German branch of
Fuchs of Detroit, Klockner-
Humboldt-Deutz, makers of big
trucks and lorries, and the
Muehlen company, manufacturer
of "4711" Eau de Cologne.

But in spite of all the re-
building, there are still many
open plots of overgrown ruins
and empty spaces where the
rubble has been cleared away.

Dark Waste

Especially in the centre of
the town, not far from the
Cathedral and the railway
terminal, the passer-by may
find himself plunging into a
brightly neon-lit shopping street
into a dark waste of bombed
sites.

City authorities can do little
to speed up building at these
sites, since the ground is almost
exclusively in private hands and
it is up to private owners to re-
build.

The State of North Rhine-
Westphalia has no laws like
Hesse and other states which
permit the city authorities to

confiscate the land against, often
small, compensation and to build
it up themselves in accordance
with a central plan.

This is why visitors have often
thought that rebuilding in
Cologne appeared to be lagging
behind that in other big towns
of West Germany.

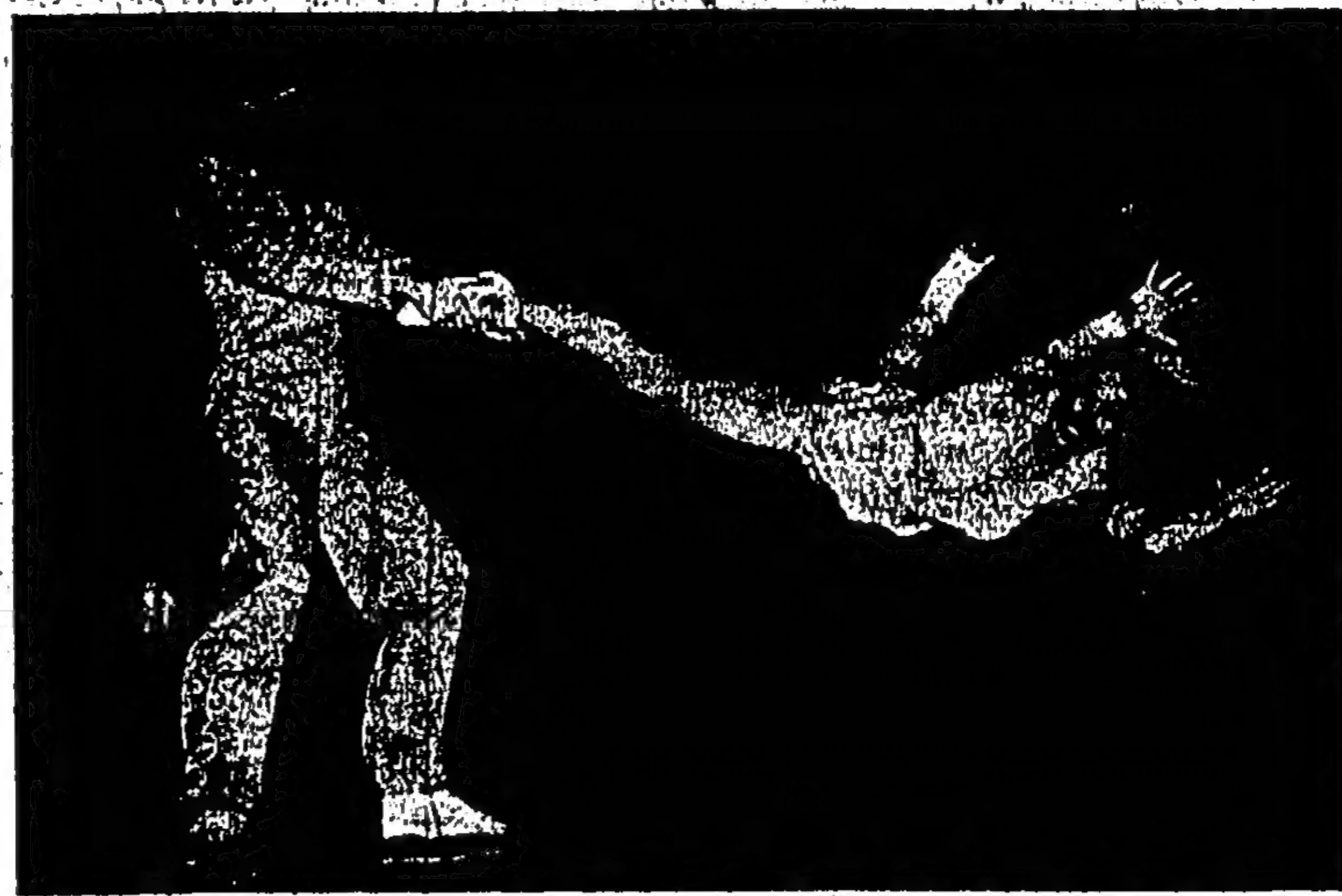
New Settlements

These visitors mostly did not
visit the suburbs and fringes of
the city, where the scars of war
have healed almost completely
and where new settlements have
sprung up in the last few years.
Lack of central planning has
also provoked criticism. The
people of Cologne complained
loudly that the city authorities
have allowed an insurance com-
pany to build a tall, modern
office building right next to one
of the oldest churches, St.
Gereon, a Romanesque structure
superimposed on Roman ruins,
which is being repaired at present.

They further criticise the new
theatre, which they have al-
ready nick-named the "air-raid
shelter". The side walls of the
concrete structure, as yet un-
finished, slope upwards towards
the wide, flat roof, creating a
triangular cross section at either
side of the stage and auditorium.
Tradition-loving citizens say
that this modernistic building
does not fit in with the general
character of Cologne and its
many ancient buildings.

Yet Cologne has remained one
of the biggest attractions in the
whole of Germany for foreign
tourists.—China Mail Special.

60 Miles An Hour Over The Ice



Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
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by enquiry at the local office.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Japan, 3 p.m.
Pakistan (Portuguese India, Par-
celas via Karachi), 3 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 4 p.m.

Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface
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Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-
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France, 10 a.m.
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tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon,
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India-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia &
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Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
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HOW IT IS DONE IN SOFIA Citizen Has Trouble Over Installation Of Electric Meter

Vienna, Jan. 25.

Copies of the Sofia newspaper
Otetschestven Front reaching here publish
the following account, by a citizen, of
what happened when he wanted an electric
meter for his home.

"Two hundred and fifty leva
(£12 sterling) for electric
current for one month! The
meter was for three flats. I
have only one room and eat in
a restaurant! One of the flats
pays only four leva (four
shillings) per month. They
answered all our protests with
'see us in court.' When we got
tired of it all, we decided to
buy a meter for each of us.
We collected the money, bought
the meters, took them to the
Electricity Supply organization
to be tested and put in the
necessary applications. After
about two months a technician
came. . . .

"This installation is no good.
Everything must be altered. It
will cost 1,000 leva (about
£20 sterling), and went away.
We needed four months to get
the 1,000 leva together and
took them along. . . .

"What is this money for?
We were asked. . . .

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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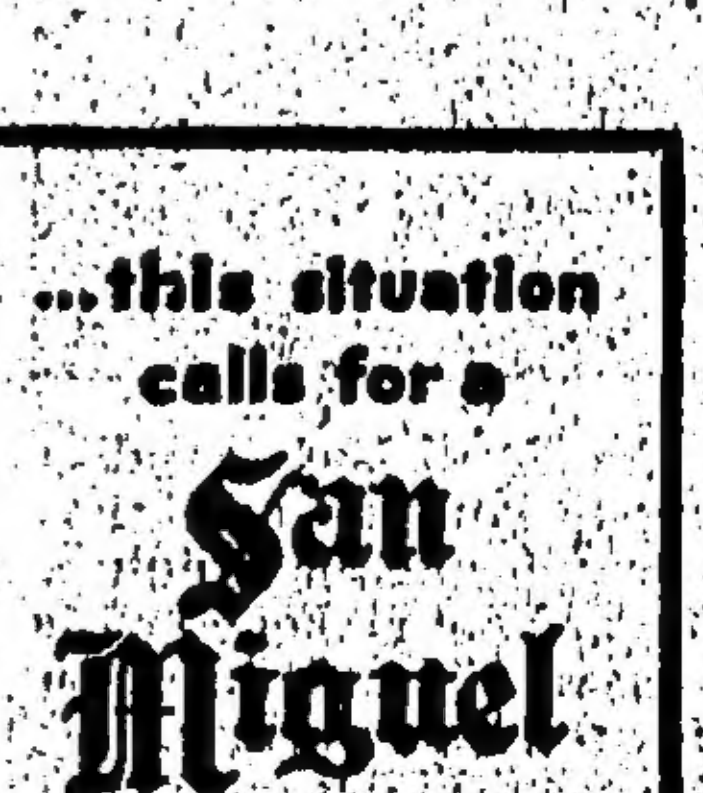
NANCY



JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



Auriol Going To Moscow

Paris, Jan. 25.
Former French President
Auriol will be the personal
guest of Klement Voroshilov,
President of the Presidium of the
Supreme Soviet, when he
visits the Soviet Union next
month, the Soviet news agency
Tass announced today.
Tass said that Mr. Auriol will
visit the Soviet Union to be-
come acquainted with Soviet
life.
The former French President
is scheduled to arrive in Moscow
on January 28, Tass said.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Rising Prices In Spain Pose Problem But Economists Fail To Discover The Answers

By Henry Buckley

Madrid, Jan. 25.

Spain's economists have so far failed to discover the cause of the sudden inflationary wave of price increases which has swept the nation.

In an autumn of plenty, with ample supplies of fish and meat, reasonably good harvests of cereals and moderate yields of wine and olive oil, food and other prices suddenly began to soar.

While fishermen were reporting good catches in Galicia, the price of fish in Madrid increased as much as 10 pesetas per kilogramme (90 per pound) and meat by as much as 12 pesetas per kilogramme (18 per pound). In spite of the fact that on one day 400 animals remained unslaughtered at the Madrid market owing to lack of demand by butchers.

Warehouses Full

For corn priced at 5,000 pesetas (£250) last season now have tickets reading 10,000 pesetas (£1,000). And some salaried men to clients "I really urge you to buy now because soon we shall have to put up prices again."

Textile prices have increased, although the press reported that stocks of textiles sufficient for many months fill Barcelona's warehouses to bursting point.

The Falange organ, *Juventud*, declared flatly: "Once again the nation is the victim of the monopoly organisations."

The Catholic, *Ya*, commented: "It is possible that the manoeuvres of the speculators to frighten people into buying is due to a desire to reap again the easy profits which many dealers became accustomed to make in times of shortage."

American Aid

Economists looking for hard facts to account for the increased costs confess that they find none.

American aid and base-building activities are seen as too small to have much influence. About 10,000 men are working on the basis in all Spain which supports a wage bill of something like 2,500,000 pesetas (£250,000) a week. Aid received in Spain in goods, excluding military equipment, so far totals about 60,000,000 dollars (over £20,000,000).

The new budget for 1956, amounting to 4,500 million pesetas (£450,000,000) greater than that of 1955, is not seen as a base for anything other than mild inflationary pressure.

Low taxation on Spain's middle and upper class may contribute somewhat to inflation. Too much money is spent by some sections of these classes, experts say.

The fact that all kinds of clothing, in addition to bicycles and radios and such-like consumer goods, are bought by many people on the installment system and that now flats are being sold instead of rented in Madrid and the banks have to finance these purchases may have some effect on credits.

Hard Core

The hard core of tourists, say 800,000 a year who spend some time here each year, as opposed to some 500,000 who come in on day visits, consuming considerable quantities of Spain's limited supplies of good quality fish and meat may affect food prices slightly.

Increasing Government deposits of foreign currency abroad for financing Spanish purchases could also contribute to inflation, but the suggestion that full employment puts pressure on salaries and helps to push prices up is not taken seriously.

Spain's problem is seen by some as being too industrialised rapidly enough to employ from agriculture into industry at least 1,000,000 landworkers who are usually unemployed during part of the year.

The Spanish government has been very successful in pegging prices since the acute shortages of food and other products began in 1951.

The cost of living index was 99.3 in 1951 and in August of this year it was 913.3 points. Note circulation has increased steadily since 1951, when it was 25,272 million pesetas.

In October of last year, it was 45,215 million pesetas. But this increase would seem to correspond roughly to the present industrialisation and development of Spain.

The Government will need to step carefully in taking any steps to burst the present price bubble. "Shock imports" of foodstuffs may be needed. But it will be necessary to make sure that they are used to hit speculation, and not the producer. Farm prices are considered by some economic experts to be too low at present.

Heavier taxation of the higher income brackets is clearly a financial as well as a social necessity. Nevertheless, only since the end of the civil war has Spain formed an extensive commercial middle class. Too strong measures against this class might nip its development in the bud, which would be a tragedy for Spain.

Root Cause

Experts insist that the first thing to find out is what has caused the price inflation, whether it is due to some normal economic factor or whether it is the work of wealthy speculators playing for giant stakes.

All Spain is waiting to know the answer.—China Mail Special.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 26.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Share	Opening
Bata Lintang	11.50
Rubber Co. Ltd.	11.50
British Borneo	44.50
Malayan Consolidated	29.50
Smelters Ltd.	29.50
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	44.10
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7 1/2% cum. pref.	44.10
Hongkong & Shanghai	1010.00
Banking Corp.	74.50
Hongkong T. N. Ltd.	42.00
Kenanga Ltd.	42.00
Lat Pau Rubber Estates Ltd.	44.10
Malayan Breweries	44.10
New Serangoon	44.10
Rubber Co. Ltd.	44.10
Petaling Tin Ltd.	44.10
Raffles Hotel	44.10
Singapore Cold Storage	44.10
South British	44.10
Insurance Co. Ltd.	44.10
Strait Trading	44.10
Strait Steamship	44.10
United Engineers Ltd.	44.10
Wentworth Bros.	44.10

—China Mail Special.

Modest Advance In London

Oil shares sparked a modest advance by most sections of the London Stock Exchange today.

Oils opened strong and pushed ahead throughout the session. Royal Dutch finished with a gain of nearly £1, and other leaders advanced from three to six shillings.

Industrial shares enjoyed selective buying support which pushed Rolls-Royce and some other auto shares ahead a shilling or more. Unilever was another feature, gaining 1/2d. Textiles and store shares posted advances.

Some observers noted a trend of institutional investment.

Anti-Trust Suit Against IBM

Washington, Jan. 25.

The government announced today that International Business Machines Corp. has agreed to break up its vast tabulating machine rental business in settlement of an anti-trust suit.

The firm must release certain patents it owns—some on a royalty-free basis and others for "reasonable" royalties—and provide American industry with the technical knowledge to operate the machines.

In the future, the firm must offer for sale all new tabulating and electronic data processing machines that it produces.

The constant judgment, filed in New York City, also permits persons now leasing IBM machines to buy them "for a reasonable" figure.

The original 1952 suit against the firm charged it had "monopolised the tabulating industry in the U.S."

It also charged that 80 per cent of all tabulating machines in use in America were owned by IBM and that the firm had obtained commercial "frontload" on the sale of tabulating cards in the country.—United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

Singapore, Jan. 25.

The rubber market rallied today on short covering but eased again lower the close. Futures:

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per ton, cif Feb. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	3 08 paid
No. 2 rubber	3 08 paid
No. 3 rubber	3 03 buyers
No. 1 crepe	3 35 num.

The New York rubber prices

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SHEAFFERS
Skippy
by John Dell

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Walk At Night

LEARNED men and those skilful jugglers with the facts of life, the statisticians, have lovingly studied the effects of television upon most aspects of our lives.

They tell us how our drink habits, our digestions, and our children's dreams are, or may be, altered by the new medium.

But they do not appear as yet to have paid much attention to the influence of TV upon a group whose traditional antics it must have altered profoundly— young people in love.

No need for the young man whose home is tele-equipped to turn out on a dirty night to pursue his suit; his love, snow-boated, can come to him.

HAZARDS
He need feel no embarrassment if love should leave him tongue-tied, for silence is a virtue in a telephone. He should be unhesitatingly interrupted.

There are still some hazards, of course, as a young man named Michael discovered last evening by finding in his pocket the money he is saving by not having to take his girl out every night.

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TWO STRANGERS
HE saw her safely to her destination, then decided that what he needed after an evening glued to the tiny screen, was exercise and fresh air.

He strode off manfully, with his mind full of plans for the future. His wedding day was only a month ahead.

Michael had walked for some time, when two strangers stopped him. "We're arresting you," one said, "for following with intent to steal from handbags."

He went on to say that for 25 minutes he and his colleague had trailed Michael, whom they had seen follow women and girls until they dodged out of his way; and on one occasion had seen his hand make a tentative move towards the handbag of one girl he was passing.

SOMETHING TO QUIETEN YOU
IN Clerkenwell court next morning, the two plainclothes men who had stopped Michael, told their story to Mr. Frank Powell.

"On the way to the station," said one constable, "this man said: 'I can see I've been silly.'"

"On the way to the station," the other said, "he attempted to break away from us and had to be restrained."

"It was just that your grip was too tight it was hurting a muscle," said Michael. "And isn't it right you said to me, 'I've got something to quieten you with?'"

"No," said the officer.

Michael went into the witness-box.
"Did you follow women?" the magistrate asked him. Michael said he had not. "Then why did you say you had been silly?"

NOT THAT LOW
"I WAS in an absolute panic," said Michael. "I was shaking all over when I got to the station. I still am." He was.

"Were you trying to make up to these girls and women?"
"No, I've not sunk that low," said Michael, indignantly, and told of his forthcoming marriage.

"Well, I think you were trying to get off with these girls," said Mr. Powell, "but you're not charged with that. The case is dismissed, but you'd better be more careful in future. When you leave your fiancée, go straight home."

It was sound advice, expert advice. Mr. Powell recently announced his own engagement to be married.

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